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AGAINST CHANGING
BISHOP AGE LIMIT****Prolonged Debate Over Proposed
New Ritual Develops Con-
siderable Opposition.**

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 8.—The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church went on record today as opposing any change in the existing church law which requires the retirement of bishops at the quadrennial conference nearest their 72nd birthday. By a vote of 15 to 12 the conference tabled a resolution offered by Chancellor James H. Day of Syracuse University, who sought repeal of the provision which was enacted by the general conference in 1912. Under the requirements of this law Bishops Earl Cranston of Washington, D. C., and John W. Hamilton of Boston, Mass., and Missionary Bishop John C. Hartwell of Africa will be retired at the present session.

Chancellor Day asserted that under the present plan bishops must be relieved from service when they have reached the age limit, regardless of their ability. He declared that in past years several bishops did not attain their greatest efficiency until they were past 72. "The law," he said, "retires some of our bishops at the summit of their powers, and leaves others who are inefficient still in the service."

Opponents of the proposed change replied that by automatic retirement, embarrassment to the conference and distress to the bishops which has often been experienced at other sessions of the general conference would be avoided. Dr. Edgar H. Blake, of Chicago, quoted one bishop who, he said, may soon be retired, as favoring the present plan.

A prolonged debate, which probably will be continued for several days, followed the submission of a report from a special commission to which the general conference in 1912 entrusted the preparation of a new ritual. The discussion was so spirited that action was taken only on a minor question. Opposition developed over the substitution of the American revised version for the authorized version of the Bible in scriptural selections which are embodied in the ritual.

Austin M. Courtney, of Columbus, who opposed this action by the commission asserted that "there is danger of sand paning the verbiage too much. For the purpose of scientific accuracy we are in danger of losing all the flavor of style. Why cannot we retain the fine old English that we have in the authorized version?"

A motion to reverse the action of the commission and to restore the authorized version throughout the ritual was lost, and it was determined to settle each quotation on its own merits. As finally adopted the phrase "all men are conceived and born in sin" is omitted from the order for the administration of baptism to infants, but the conference refused to sanction the use of "living" as a substitute for the so-called archaic "divine" in the phrase, "a lively member of the church." The discussion will be resumed tomorrow.

The content of the American Bible society, which was organized May 8, 1816, was observed tonight. Among the speakers was the Rev. James W. Lee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It was reported that during the last four years the society has issued 5,226,270 Bibles, New Testaments, and biblical selections, and that the total foreign circulation for the last quadrennial was 11,834,296 volumes.

**"AMUSEMENT QUESTION"
BEFORE CONFERENCE**

Methodist Body Will Again Discuss Card Playing, Dancing and Theatricals.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 7.—A comprehensive plan designed to provide increased funds for missionary work in this and foreign countries is expected to be adopted by the Methodist general conference, in session here, according to many of the delegates. Such action will result from the last four years' action on the subject of amusement. The delegates have asserted that although conditions arising from the European war have handicapped their efforts, an opportunity will be presented at the close of the conflict for increased missionary work. The importance of the "amusement question" is indicated by the submission of nearly 40 memorials from conferences which have varying views as to the prohibition against card playing, dancing and theatre going. The question will be discussed later in the session.

While it is not an easy task that of finding a good household servant—it is one in which the classified ads are generally successful.

**M. E. CONFERENCE
SPENDS DAY IN
EARNEST DEBATE****Prohibition for Hawaii, Moving
Pictures and Bible Reading
in Schools Principal
Topics.**

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 8.—Because many of the delegates to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church believed a resolution urging Congress to prohibit the importation of intoxicants into the Hawaiian Islands reflected on the morals of the United States soldiers, it today was referred to the committee on temperance after a heated debate. The resolution was introduced by Herbert B. Johnson of Berkeley, California, and referred to "unspeakable carousals" among American soldiers.

Francis M. Larkin of San Francisco explained that the incident to which the resolution referred took place when a number of soldiers returning from the Philippine Islands landed at Honolulu. He bitterly denounced acts of which he said they were guilty.

Appleton Bash of Pittsburgh declared the resolution gave the wrong impression of that of criticizing all the American soldiers, when only a few negro soldiers were concerned in the incident of which Mr. Larkin complained. He asserted that the resolution was unjust and urged that it not be adopted.

"We may soon need these very men to stand between ourselves and a foreign army," Bash declared.

Eliam A. White, a negro pastor of Cleveland, Ohio, defended the negro soldiers in the United States army as being equal to any other class of men in the ranks.

A resolution designed to have members of the Methodist Church support political candidates, who are active in reform movements was defeated while regulation of moving pictures by national censorship was approved by the adoption of a resolution appealing to Congress for the enactment of such a law. Another resolution adopted, urged Governor Whitford to sign the law intended to provide for a board of motion picture censors in this State.

Negro delegates today voted to recommend the selection of Robert E. Jones of New Orleans as bishop if the conference decides to elect a negro bishop to preside over negro conferences. They also voted support of J. W. E. Bowen of Atlanta, as successor to the late H. Scott Thibault of Africa, who asked to be retired to day.

Dr. John H. Finley, commissioner of education of New York was the principal speaker before the anniversary of the Methodist board of education to-night. He urged that some common ground be found on which all creeds could agree to the reading of the Bible in the public schools. While he strongly approved of the plan for the daily reading of the Bible in the schools, he maintained that the State had no right to impose any religious training in the schools. Such action, he said, would contravene the principle of freedom upon which the nation is founded.

**MARYLAND DELEGATES
NOT INSTRUCTED**

But Some Have Hughes or Roosevelt "Leans."

Baltimore, Md., May 9.—The faction led by former Governor P. L. Goddard, which was defeated in the republican State convention here today and the four delegates at large to the national convention at Chicago presented by the regular organization were elected.

The Chicago delegation is unopposed, although some of the district delegates are known to have strong "Hughes or Roosevelt" leanings.

**DENVER ABANDONS
COMMISSION FORM**

Denver, Col., May 9.—Denver at a special election today returned to the mayoral form of government after less than two years under the commission form, and Robert W. Swoyer, former mayor, was re-elected to that office by a majority conceded by his opponents of 2,900 votes.

MICHIGAN MOOSE ENDORSE T. R.

Jackson, Mich., May 9.—Theodore Roosevelt was endorsed for the progressive presidential nomination at the State convention of the National Progressive party here today and fifty-six delegates to the Chicago convention, elected at a harmonious session, were instructed to support his candidacy.

**GERMANS START
NEW OFFENSIVE
AGAINST VERDUN****Big Attacks Are Launched to
North and Northwest of the
Fortress—French Admit Teu-
tons Make Advances.****GAIN 500 METERS FRONT**

Germans Sink a British Submarine by Gunfire—Russian Transport Is Destroyed with 600 Troops—Activity Noted on All the War Fronts.

London, May 7.—What seemingly is a new great offensive with its objective the capture of Verdun, has been launched by the Germans northeast and northwest of the fortress. In both sectors gains for the Germans are chronicled in the latest French official communication.

In the former sector, between the Hindenburg wood and Bouaumont, French first line trenches are nearly a third of a mile were entered by the Germans, while northwest of Verdun, to the east of Hill 204, they penetrated French underground passageways.

Except near Hill 204, however, the entire attack, which was thrown against the sector between Hill 204 and Le Mort Homme, was repulsed with serious losses to the Germans. A similar fate befell the attacking forces in the northeast, except in the region of the Hindenburg wood. Both attacks were delivered after heavy preparatory bombardments.

Aside from these attacks only bombardments have been in progress on the line in France and Belgium. The artillery action has been extremely heavy in the Woëvre and at the foot of the Meuse hills, in the region east of Verdun.

Russian torpedo boats have ineffectually shelled German positions on the northern coast of Poland, according to Berlin. In Galicia, along the lower Strona river, the Russians have made further advances against the Austrians while in the Caucasus the Turkish attacks in the Black sea littoral were repulsed.

The Turks, who have been contesting the advance of the Russians toward Ismael in the Serethian region, have retreated hastily after having suffered heavy losses, leaving behind them their heavy and light material.

Small infantry encounters at various points along the Austro-Italian front, in which what advantage there was rested with the Italians, have served to vary the usual fighting with the big guns.

Berlin reports the recent sinking in the Mediterranean by a mine of an enemy allied transport with 600 Russian on board and the destruction of a British aeroplane and the capture of another air craft in the North sea. A British official communication admits the loss of the two aeroplanes, but denies a claim by the Germans that the British submarine E-21 was sunk by the German submarine U-21 which the vessel had returned safely to its base.

Reports from Dublin are to the effect that Louis Harcourt will replace Augustine Birrell as chief secretary for Ireland.

MAKES BIG MEMBERSHIP GAIN

State Council, Knights of Columbus, Has Now Closing Day—S. M. Driscoll Elected State Deputy.

St. Albans, May 9.—Today, the closing day of the annual convention of the Vermont State Council, Knights of Columbus, was occupied with the celebration of mass at St. Mary's Church, the convention proper, automobile trip for the visiting ladies and a ball at city hall to-night. The headquarters of the convention were at the American House. This is the third time the State convention has been held in St. Albans. On the occasion of the first meeting here, February 2, 1909, the membership was 255. On its second visit, May 2, 1908, the total membership was 1,909, while today the membership is 1,952.

The rebuilding of the mass this morning was the Rev. W. H. Cassidy of St. Mary's Cathedral, Burlington, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. M. Kennedy of Hardwick. The Rt. Rev. J. J. Rice of Burlington was present and at the close of the sermon he entered the sanctuary and addressed the faithful clergy. Over 150 knights attended.

At the business session this morning held at the city hall the report of the State secretary showed a gain of 23 in membership, one of the largest gains in the history of the order in this State. The membership is composed of 731 insurance and 1,221 associate, a total of 1,952. A heavily contested session was shown with a balance on hand May 1 of \$1,088.53. The total income by the supreme council is nearly 40 per cent, while the increase in the Vermont jurisdiction is 14 per cent.

There were about 20 visitors present. 24 delegates from the 12 councils of the State, every one being represented, and the six State officers. Hostessesses, clergymen already mentioned there were present the Rev. P. E. Bolvin of St. Albans Bay and the Rev. Robert Devoy of Waterbury. Three past State deputies attended, viz., Thomas Wagner and P. E. McLaughlin of Burlington and James Conroy of St. Johnsbury.

Action in the reports of the various committees was taken at the meeting this afternoon. This included that of the nominating committee and resulted in the election of the following officers: State deputy, Stephen M. Driscoll of St. Albans; State secretary, E. J. Howard of Bellows Falls; State treasurer, A. C. Moore of Barre; State warren, John E. Smith of Rutland; State advocate, B. J. Malachuk of Hardwick; delegates to national convention at Davenport, Iowa, Deputy Driscoll and Past State Deputy C. F. Mann of Brattleboro; alternates, Frank E. Grace of Fair Haven and D. J. Froendberg of Bennington.

It was voted to hold the next annual convention in Bellows Falls the second

Tuesday in May, 1917. The per capita fee is 30 cents for expenses, the State council voted.

Many of the visitors, some of whom were accompanied by their families, enjoyed an automobile trip to Rutland and Highgate this afternoon.

JOHN H. SARGENT DIES.

Well-Known Middlebury Hotel Man, 80, Succumbs Suddenly.

Middlebury, May 9.—John H. Sargent, proprietor of the Middlebury Inn, died shortly before ten o'clock this morning of heart failure. Mr. Sargent had not been feeling well for several days, but there was not supposed to be any immediate danger, until Monday afternoon, when he had a severe attack of heart disease. He recovered from that attack shortly before his death was thought to be on the way to recovery, but another acute attack came, with fatal results.

Mr. Sargent was in his 80th year, having been born in 1831, N. H., April 5, 1837, and for a man of his years was very vigorous. He went to Rutland when a young man and for several years was in the employ there of the late John W. Crampton. In 1868 he came to Middlebury and had made his home here ever since.

For a number of years he was in business here as a hardware and thware dealer and plumber, which lines of business he abandoned over 30 years ago. Since then he had been almost exclusively in the hotel business. He started with the Hotel Loran on Park street and conducted that hostelry for 28 years and for shorter periods within the past few years had owned and operated The Sargent House on Court street and the Middlebury Inn on Washington street, of which he was owner at his death. All of these hotels were at different times remodelled and practically rebuilt by Mr. Sargent. Before coming to Middlebury Mr. Sargent had served in the civil war, having been a member of Co. H, the Rutland company of the 14th Vermont volunteers.

Not long after coming to Middlebury he was made captain of the Middlebury company of the Vermont State militia, in which capacity he served until the company was disbanded. He also served for several years as foreman of Washington Engine company No. 1, and was for some time a member of the Middlebury board of trustees. Mr. Sargent was active in the early days of the Vermont State Firemen's association and for one term was its president. He was a charter member of William P. Russell Post, G. A. R., and for several years was commander of the post. For several years he was chief of the Middlebury fire department after its organization into its present system.

Mr. Sargent is survived by a widow, who was Miss Sally Melrose of Middlebury, one sister and several nephews and nieces. The funeral services, as at present arranged, will be held at nine o'clock this morning at St. Mary's church, of which the deceased recently became a member.

**CELEBRATION FOR
UNCLE JOE'S BIRTHDAY**

Pleasant Words from Political Opponents for Former Speaker.

Washington, May 7.—The House of Representatives put aside its partisanship and its legislative program for two hours Saturday and staged a remarkable ceremony in honor of its former speaker, Joseph G. Cannon, who is 80 years old today.

Never before in the history of the House had an hour of the working session been set aside to honor a living member. One of the original progressives, Representative Cooper of Wisconsin, presided during the greater part of the ceremony. One of the original reactionaries against the so-called "Cannon Rule" for years, he fought the then speaker to a standstill, but he was as friendly as a friend. Their old wounds long since have healed and it no longer is an unusual sight to see them sitting together in the republican cloak room engaged in a friendly chat.

Speaker Clark in a humorous and friendly speech termed Mr. Cannon one of the tomorrows class of mental poists. He also wrote a letter of good wishes for posterity, the statement that, only during debate with his own eyes he saw Mr. Cannon perform the unusual feat of describing a complete circle on one heel.

Still carrying himself as straight as an Indian and as ruddy-cheeked as a school boy, Mr. Cannon marched down the center aisle of the House and delivered an address of appreciation filled with reminiscences of other days. He brought back the shadow of Blaine, Randall, Ben Butler, George F. Hoar, "Sunset" Cox, "Big Iron" Kelly and a score of other contemporaries of Mr. Cannon to the halls where once they served.

Representative Rodenburg of Illinois referred to the course of Mr. Cannon in the stormy days when he was speaker. "You let him have his say," he said, "and Uncle Joe has at all times been intensely human but; no man, living or dead, ever saw him lower his colors or hold the white flag of surrender."

Mr. Cannon is now closing his twentieth term in Congress. He came here during the Forty-third Congress and since that time has been elected to nine terms, since he has been in the House only one day.

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**FOR T. R. "FIRST,
LAST, AND FOREVER"**

New Haven, Conn., May 8.—The Progressive party of Connecticut through its mass convention here today instructed its delegates to the national convention to vote "first, last, and forever" for Theodore Roosevelt for the party nomination for president.

**GERMANS CAPTURE
ENTIRE SYSTEM OF
FRENCH TRENCHES****France Loses 40 Officers and 1,
280 Soldiers in Action North-
west of Verdun, According to
Berlin Report.****BOMBARDMENTS CONTINUE**

Allied Front in France Has Been Strengthened by Australian and New Zealand Troops—Russians Compel Turks to Withdraw in Asia Minor.

London, May 8.—An entire system of trenches on the northern slope of hill northwest of Verdun, has been captured by the Germans, according to Berlin, and the French in the fighting suffered extraordinarily heavy casualties. In addition 41 officers and 1,280 soldiers were made prisoners.

Paris reports that to the east of the hill the Germans were driven from a communication trench which they previously had penetrated and that to the west of the hill, a German assault against French positions at hill 27 was put down by the French fire.

A heavy bombardment is in progress against the Aycovert wood and the entire region of Hill 204, while east of Verdun in the Woëvre the artillery activity continues vigorous. Around the Tullonnais farm south of Verdun a French attack broke down and 20 men were made prisoners.

The Germans on the Russian front launched an offense south of Blakot against the Russians, but met with no success. Mine fighting and bombardments continue at various points along this line. In Galicia, northwest of Tarnopol, the Russians captured a mine crater from the Austrians.

In the fighting in Asia Minor the Russians have compelled the Turks to withdraw from their entire first line trenches in the region of Erzerum.

Attacks by the Austrians against the Italians in the Marmolada, Falzarego and other sectors were repulsed. The bombardment in the Adriatic region continues. Here the Italians have destroyed an Austrian defense work on Col Toper.

The Turkish cruiser Breslau is reported by Petrograd to have been damaged by a mine in the Crimea. The town is described as an uninformed health station.

The extent of the fighting in France has been strengthened by the arrival of Australian and New Zealand troops, who have taken over a portion of the front. Four more leaders in the Irish revolution have been executed.

NEWS TOLD IN BRIEF.

All records of production and sales of zinc were broken in April at Joplin, Mo., district.

An increase of 50 per cent. in prices of food in Switzerland, has been made since the beginning of the war.

Italian liner Duca de Genova, arrives in New York with 60 passengers, 139 stowaways and two mounted guns.

British ship will be sent to the country to transport Argentine grain to France and Italy.

Bill will be introduced in Congress to declare holiday of Grover Cleveland a public memorial.

British consul-general at New York will ask supreme court for writ to extradite L. T. K. Lincoln, wanted for forgery.

German mob stormed number of funeral shops in Charlottenburg, says Berlin dispatch. The mob also looted several gutter shops. Reason is that butchers have been receiving meat and withholding it from sale, to dispose of it privately above maximum prices.

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**Special to New York Herald says:
"Overshadowing everything else in Ger-
man note in plea for an early peace.
Overshadowing even this is the admis-
sion that the war has failed of its pur-
pose and that defeat is in the offing—
defeat from the outside, defeat for
Prussianism from the inside. Obviously
the Kaiser's troubles are both external
and internal. Obviously also these
troubles are both critical and immin-
ent."****Travelers returning from Petrograd
say that Russian troops recently landed
in France came by way of the Persian
gulf, Red sea and the Suez canal.****EXPLOSION IN POWDTR
PLANT KILLS THREE**

Three Dynamite Mixing Buildings of
Atlas Company Blown Up.

Lake Hopatcong, N. J., May 8.—Five workmen were killed and 15 injured, none dangerously, at noon today when three dynamite mixing buildings of the Atlas Powder company plant at Landing were demolished by dynamite explosion. Another mixing house was destroyed by the resulting fire and explosion. Many persons here, at Landing, Dover and other places, miles distant, were cut by flying glass from windows shattered by the force of the explosion.

The mixing houses, heavily barricaded wooden structures, were a half mile or more from the main buildings of the plant, in which 50 men were employed. Some of the workers in the structures which were wrecked escaped death. The roar of the explosion was heard ten miles. Buildings a long distance away were shaken, windows shattered and dishes thrown from shelves.

The explosion was attributed by Superintendent Reider to one of the "catastrophic accidents" which sometimes occur in the manufacture of explosives. The only explanation he could offer was that some one of the men killed made a mistake in "mixing." Two of the mixing houses each contained 500 pounds of dynamite and in a storage house nearby was 300 pounds of nitro glycerin. The buildings stood in a group about a quarter of a mile back from the main highway leading along the eastern shore of Lake Hopatcong.

Coroner Totten of Dover arrived a short time after the accident, but decided to defer his investigation until tomorrow, as almost all the employees either were aiding the injured or fighting a brush fire started by the explosion.

**BULL WILL DRAFT
T. R. AS CANDIDATE**

New York, May 8.—According to information, which came last night from inner circles of the Progressive party, a group of influential Bull Moose leaders will take steps this week to compel Colonel Roosevelt to head a third party ticket unless he receives the republican nomination for president. From all accounts the colonel so far has received all proposals looking to a repetition of the adventure of 1912 with the air of lukewarmness or outright hostility.

George W. Perkins, executive chairman of the progressive national committee, has called a meeting of the Bull Moose executive committee for next Wednesday at progressive national headquarters in this city. As a result of the meeting it is expected that the colonel will be told in an official way and even more bluntly than he has been told already by individual Bull Moose leaders who have called upon him at Oyster Bay that he must run, republican support or no republican support. Should the colonel turn them down, there are some Bull Moose leaders who say they will strongly enough upon the subject to see to it that the colonel is nominated anyhow in the Bull Moose convention, which will be held in Chicago while the republican national convention meets in that city.

Chicago, May 9.—Advances of the republican national convention, to be held here the week of June 7, have a serious situation confronting them in regard to the sale of tickets. The seats have been placed on sale at \$5 each and the demand has far exceeded the available supply and it has been suggested that it will be necessary to raise the price to \$10 or possibly higher in order to stop the rush for reservations. The situation will be considered today by Frederick W. Fabian, chairman of the Chicago committee for the convention.

The committee has been allotted 2,500 tickets which at \$5 a ticket would be more than enough to meet the known guaranteed made to secure the convention for Chicago.

Seats for the Progressive party convention have been placed on sale at prices ranging from \$5 to \$25.

**VERMONT CITED BY
LIQUOR DEALERS**

As an Example of Inability Receiving Prohibition Wave.

Louisville, Ky., May 8.—Regulation of the liquor traffic must be continued by members of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association of America and even greater efforts be made for upholding the law, declared President Samuel Woolner of Peoria, Ill., at the opening of the association's 21st annual convention here today. Mr. Woolner declared that the prohibition wave was rapidly receding and in support of the statement cited Vermont's defeat of prohibition in its only election held this year.

C. A. Whittle of Chicago talked on "Prohibition and What It Involves." He insisted moderation would be secured only through the individual and not by statutory legislation. The convention will end Thursday.

20 Lost in Shipwreck.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., May 9.—No more survivors of the steamer S. R. Kirby, which broke in two and sank during a terrific storm on Lake Superior yesterday, had been picked up late tonight, and the loss of 20 lives in the disaster is now regarded as certain. The tragedy occurred four miles off Eagle River, Mich. Joseph Murda, second mate, and Otto Lundquist, stoker, are the only known survivors.

TEACHING THE YOUNG IDEA.
Miss Rose was a settlement worker, and one day she called at the home of the Thompsons. She found no one at home but a girl of about twelve and a smaller brother. After talking with the little mother a few moments she said: "And does your little brother help you at all? What does he do all day?" The little girl, who was younger than the mother, glanced at said: "Says, 'I smoke a cigarette for me today and swallow the stub!'"—Philadelphia Star.

**CUT THIS OUT—IT IS WORTH MON-
EY**

DO NOT MISS THIS. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Money and Cold Compound for bronchitis, coughs, colds, and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. (Adv.)

British colonial troops held prisoners by the Teutonic powers, total 37,047 officers and men.